Kaiserslautern Legal Services Center



In Processing Brief

CONTACT INFO

Building 3210, Kleber Kaserne

Legal Assistance

- DSN: 483-8848; CML: 0631-411-8848

- Hours: M-W, F 0900-1200 & 1300-1600

Th 1300-1600

Claims

- DSN: 483-8855/8856; CML: 0631-411-8855/8856

- Hours: M-W, F 0900-1130 & 1300-1530

Th 1300-1530

Tax Center

- DSN: 483-7688; CML: 0631-411-7688

- Hours: 0900-1600 M-F

Examples of Legal Services

- Walk-in services: Powers of attorney, certified copies, notarization
- Separation agreements, wills, consumer law
- Financial Liability Investigation (FLIPL) rebuttals
- General Officer Reprimand (GOMOR) rebuttals
- Landlord/tenant issues, contract issues
- Taxes
- Immigration, dependency determinations
- Civilian Misconduct
- JAG cannot help you with suits against the US or with employment issues

Preventive Law

- If you haven't established residency in the state, then don't claim it on your taxes!
 - For example: Alaska, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire,
 South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, or Wyoming
- Don't shoplift
- Bring in court documents ASAP
- Don't download movies or music unless you purchase them from a legitimate website like iTunes or Amazon
- If you have a German cell phone contract, give written termination notice at least 90 days prior to your PCS date
- Don't drink and drive

Status of Forces Agreement

The Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) is an agreement between the U.S. and Germany that dictates which German laws and taxes U.S. Servicemembers and personnel are subject to.

Criminal Jurisdiction

Allows U.S. military courts to prosecute Servicemembers for crimes committed in Germany.

HOWEVER: Family members, civilians, and contractors all remain under German criminal jurisdiction!

Civil Jurisdiction

German civil courts retain jurisdiction over Servicemembers, family members, civilians, and contractors.

EXAMPLES: Traffic tickets, paternity questions, civil lawsuits

Service of process will come through your chain of command or the Legal Liaison's Office

DUIs in Germany

In Germany, a BAC **BELOW** the U.S. / UCMJ standard will result in administrative fines and may be criminal!

German BAC (U.S. Scale)	Off Base German Legal System
.001051 (< 21 yrs or beginner driver)	250 Euro Administrative Fine
.052114 without accident	Administrative Offense 1st offense = 500 Euro fine + 1 month suspension 2nd offense = 1000 Euro fine + 3 month suspension 3rd offense = 1500 Euro fine + 3 month suspension
> .115 without accident	Criminal Offense Fine + at least 6 month suspension (license revocation possible)
.032 or > with accident (property damage)	Criminal Offense Fine + at least 6 month suspension (license revocation possible)
.032 or > with accident	Criminal Offense

lail time + Fine + at least 1 year susnemaining

DUIs & Military Consequences

BAC (U.S. Scale)	AER 190-1	UCMJ
.001049 (< 21 yrs)	Mandatory Suspension 1 st offense = 30 days 2 nd offense = 60 days 3 rd offense = 90 days	
.032 or > with accident	Revocation likely + GOMOR (reduction in rank, bar to reenlistment, and/or separation possible)	Article 15
.050079	Mandatory 90 day suspension	
.080099 off post	Mandatory revocation	
.080099 on post	Mandatory revocation + GOMOR (reduction in rank, bar to reenlistment, and/or separation possible)	
0.1 or >	Mandatory revocation + GOMOR (reduction in rank, bar to reenlistment, and/or separation possible)	Article 15
Refusing to take or complete a lawfully requested chemical test	Mandatory revocation + GOMOR (reduction in rank, bar to reenlistment, and/or separation possible)	

Other Consequences of Alcohol

Impaired CONSENT +

Lowered JUDGMENT =

RAPE or SEXUAL ASSAULT Allegations

Off-Limits Activities

Drugs

- NEVER legal for Servicemembers!!
- Not even if you are visiting a place, like Amsterdam, where drugs are legal for civilians
- NOT even if you visit an Apothecary that will

sell you prescription medications over-thecounter

Prostitutes

- NEVER legal for Servicemembers!!
 - Subject to charges under Article 134

Off-limits Establishments

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Arya Club Steinstraße 56 67657 Kaiserslautern Autohaus Mayer Kaiserstraße 87 66892 Bruchmühlbach-Miesau James Brown
[cleaning business]
Obergasse 20
67685 Kaiserslautern

Martin Massa
[cleaning business]
Turnerstraße 70
67659
Kaiserslautern

Marco Banf Transport (MBT and BTM) [moving company] Kirchdell 16 67661 Kaiserslautern Gisela Smith/ Herbert Sator [sellers of dogs] Steinwendener Straße 23a 66879 Kottweiler

Axel Burghammer [car sales]
Am Bachgraben 11
66849 Landstuhl

AP Bausysteme GmbH (Angelika Picker) Kaiserstraße 15 66955 Pirmasens Ramona Fröhlich
[daycare business]
Hebelstraße 12
67734 Katzweiler

Black Sounds Club (Tuncay Altay) Raiffeisenstraße 19 66849 Landstuhl

Brigitte Weinand
[daycare business]
Weberstraße 21
66862 Kindsbach

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CLAIMS Household Goods/Hold Baggage

- Meet with a Claims
 Examiner ASAP!
- You <u>must</u> give written notice to the carrier within 75 days of delivery to receive <u>Full</u> <u>Replacement Value</u> for lost or damaged goods.
- If you miss this deadline, then all you can recover is the depreciated value of your goods <u>only if</u> there is a valid claim against the U.S. government

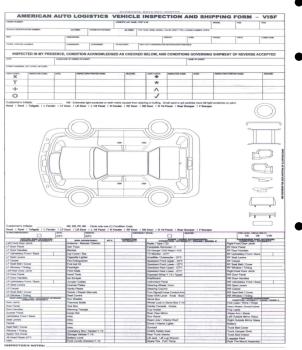
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CLAIMS Household Goods/Hold Baggage

REMEMBER TO:

- Keep your damaged goods do NOT throw anything away (even after the carrier's inspection) until your claim is fully adjudicated
- Keep receipts/Proof of Ownership
- Keep a detailed inventory of your goods
 - To include serial numbers, brand names, identifying characteristics
- Plug in your electronic equipment upon delivery

CLAIMS Privately Owned Vehicle Claims



Arrive early!

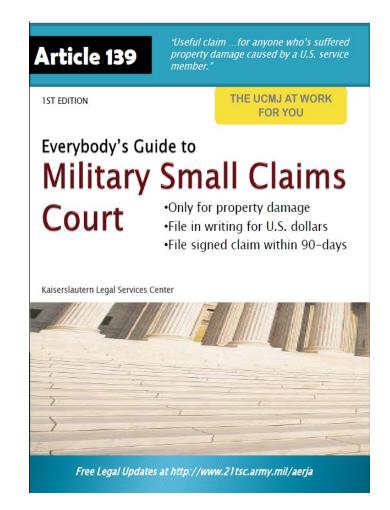
- Check your vehicle from top to bottom, inside and out, and look for leaking fluids and mildewed floorboards before you drive away!
- Most claims are handled immediately at the Vehicle Processing Center (VPC)

If you accept cash on the spot, you

agree your claim is final If you cannot resolve the issues with the VPC, visit the claims office ASAP!

CLAIMS Article 139 of the UCMJ

- Commanders may direct collection and pay a claim for property that U.S. service member willfully damaged or wrongfully took.
- Article 139 claims cannot be filed for a personal injury, breach of contract, unpaid bills, or a bad check



CLAIMS Affirmative Claims

- If the U.S. government provided medical care to you or your dependents or paid to have government property repaired or replaced, let your local military claims office know ASAP!
- Under federal law, the U.S. can pursue reimbursement actions, in the form of an affirmative claim, against an individual and their insurance company.

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Questions?